



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS

Office of Student Assessment

Aspire Early High School - Test window closes this Friday (05/26)

Aspire testing is well underway, and approximately 95% of students have completed testing. The last day of the Aspire test window is this Friday, May 26. If you have students who missed any testing sessions, please make sure to arrange make-ups in the next two days. Thank you for all of your efforts to complete testing in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Student Assessment with questions.

OSA Office Hours Webinar

Thank you for joining the OSA Office Hours webinar held on Thursday, May 18th from 9:30 - 10:30. Please visit the [DAC Resources & Trainings webpage](#) for the PPT slides and the archived webinar.

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Assessment Literacy & Assessment Snapshot Reminder

While the school year begins to wind down, there's a new data and assessment literacy resource that is picking up steam. OEA and OSA staff have recently created a G+ Community, [Building Data and Assessment Literacy](#), that is open to all Wisconsin educators. We welcome classroom teachers, district administrators, coaches, analysts and CESA staff alike to join the community! Over the past year we have embedded assessment and data literacy into the [WOW series](#), and continued to build our [Strategic Assessment](#) resources; this G+ community is the latest resource. If you're not already a member, please consider joining and sharing with your network of educators as well. We'd like to reach as many educators as possible – to contribute ideas and resources that promote assessment and data literacy across the state.

Also, we want to provide one last reminder about the assessment snapshot that will be taken next week, on May 30th. Districts should verify that student demographics are accurately reported in their local SIS now, before the holiday weekend.

Have a wonderful holiday!

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

Forward Exam

- **Forward Exam District Survey**

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) and DPI are seeking feedback from districts on the 2017 Forward Exam Test Administration. The survey, [found here](#), includes questions about district experiences with eDIRECT, INSIGHT, online resources created for test administration, DRC's help desk, and more. We estimate the survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes, and is intended to be completed primarily by district assessment coordinators (DACs) and district technology coordinators (DTCs). Please help us improve your experience by completing this survey no later than May 30, 2017.

- **Student Reports**

Forward Exam student reports and summaries will be posted to eDIRECT in late June. The hard copies of individual student reports will be mailed to districts in late July.

ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

ACT with writing and ACT WorkKeys Reminders

- **WorkKeys Score Report Distribution Information**

- In mid-June, printed ACT WorkKeys reports ([Memo to Examinee](#) and [Summary for Examinee](#)) will be sent to the attention of school test coordinators from ACT. These reports include statements about setting up a myworkkeys.com account. Students who earn NCRCs do not have to set up accounts. Students' myworkkeys.com accounts are automatically created if the student earns a [National Career Readiness Certificate](#) (NCRC).
- By late July, DPI will distribute students' myworkkeys.com log-in and password information and NCRCs to districts via SAFE.
- Districts and schools should distribute logins/passwords so students can log into myworkkeys.com
- Districts and schools should print the NCRCs from SAFE and distribute to students.

- **Shipments to Expect this Summer**

- Printed individual reports for students assessed with ACT non-college reportable accommodations will be mailed to test coordinators in late June.
- Printed WorkKeys student reports will be mailed to test coordinators in mid-June.
- ACT district- and school-level aggregate "Profile" reports will be printed and mailed in mid-July.
- Student level data file will be sent to districts in mid-July.

The CDs and ACT Profile reports are shipped in a plain, white cardboard envelope with a FedEx shipping label and the return address in the top left corner as ACT, Inc., 2727 Scott Boulevard. Please inform your employees who will be available at the school and district offices this summer that these shipments contain ACT reporting information and it should be handled securely. Also, please make necessary plans to provide this information to the relevant staff for appropriate use of this data internally. **Note that the results are embargoed until the statewide press release this fall, and the data should not be shared publicly until then.**

Aspire Early High School

- **Testing Closeout Reminders**

The Aspire testing window closes this Friday, May 26. Please take note of the following closeout reminders and deadlines listed below.

By May 26:

- All 9th and 10th grade students have been tested.
- All irregularities have been entered in the portal.
- You have requested any test invalidations within the portal with a complete explanation of why the request is being made, including the name and phone number of a school person to contact if necessary.
- You have reported all test security incidents to DPI. Forms can be found at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/security>

By May 30:

- “Will Not test” reasons are entered on the testing accountability tab in the student profile section of the portal.

By June 2:

- All paper based test answer documents are received by ACT Aspire for scoring.

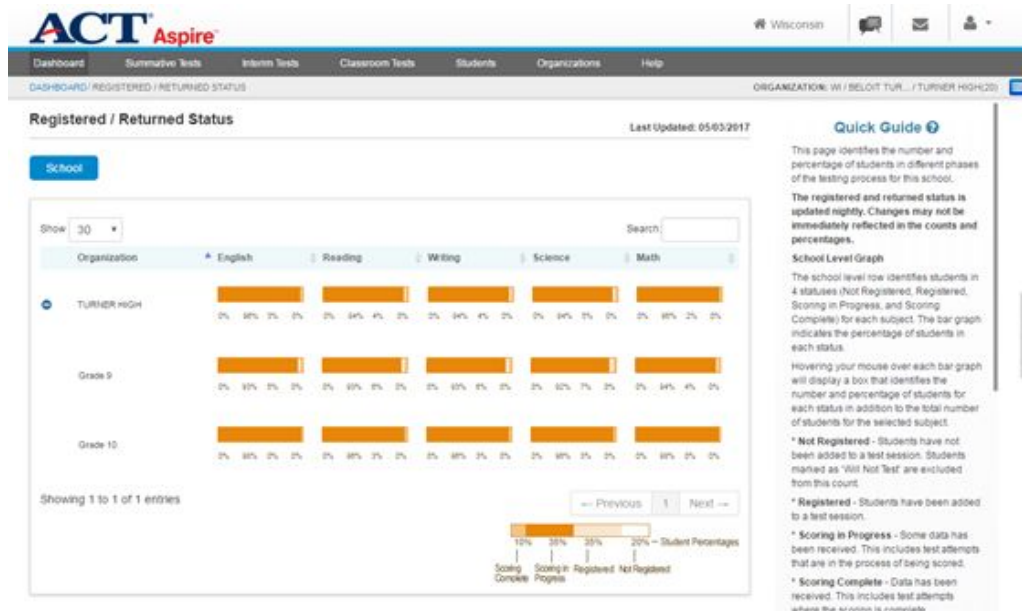
Reminders

- **Entering Will Not Test Reasons for Students in Aspire Portal (deadline May 30)**

- Choose the reason from the drop down menu in the Student’s Profile under the Testing Accountability tab.

- **Monitoring Aspire test completion**

- The Monitoring Dashboard in the Aspire portal is not updating regularly.
- In order to accurately monitor test completion, schools should use the Registered/Returned Status Report.
- At the school level within the portal, Registered/Returned allows staff to see which students have not completed testing.



- **If a student is absent on test day: How to add students to new test sessions**
 - If a student was absent and did not test during the original selected test sessions dates and a test session has closed, this student can be placed in new test session without requesting a reinstatement.
 - This applies for all students who did not log into TestNav prior to the session being closed and is indicated by the Did Not Test status for the student. See screenshot below.

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- See [Portal User Guide](#) starting on p.56 for adding students to test sessions.

Reading Readiness

- **2017-18 School Year**
 - For the 2017-18 school year, the reading readiness requirement will remain the same as the 2016-17 school year. Districts will be required to assess for reading readiness all four-year-old kindergarten through second grade students at least once during the school year. Each school board and the operator of each charter school shall select the appropriate, valid, and reliable assessment of literacy fundamentals to be used. The school board or operator shall ensure that the assessment evaluates whether a pupil possesses phonemic awareness and letter sound knowledge.
- **REIMBURSEMENTS**
 - DPI will be issuing reimbursement checks to districts within the next month. If you have questions, please contact Duane Dorn at 608-267-1069 or duane.dorn@dpi.wi.gov.

ACCESS for ELLs

Reminders

- **INFORMATION ON STANDARD SETTING IMPACTS**
 - Last summer WIDA undertook a Standard Setting. This revised the ACCESS for ELLs Cut Scores.
 - Student Progress will look different on ACCESS this year. Information on this change can be found [here](#).
 - Please note the overview flier and parent information on that page.
 - Recorded webinars explaining the changes can be found [here](#).
 - Information on student growth and future ESSA accountability plans are available [here](#).

- **English Language Proficiency (ELP) SCREENER CHANGES for 2017-18**
 - For Grades 1-12
 - WIDA will be discontinuing the W-APT on August 31.
 - The new screener for these grades is called the WIDA Screener.
 - The WIDA Screener is essentially the current ACCESS test with fewer questions.
 - Administration is identical, but speaking and writing are scored locally.
 - Paper versions are available for purchase, while the online version is free.
 - Full kits are available, although many components can be downloaded free of cost.
 - Districts must purchase at minimum student test booklets (response booklets can be printed locally) and audio files.
 - MODEL will not be allowed as a screener for grades 1-12 after this school year, as it's no longer completely aligned with the ACCESS for ELLs test due to last summer's Standard Setting. (See above.)
 - For Kindergarten
 - You can use either the K-WAPT or the K-MODEL for screening.
 - The K-WAPT remains free, and the K-MODEL is still a district purchase.
 - Training
 - Available now on the WIDA Website [here](#).
 - Add privileges for your staff under "My Account & Secure Portal" > "User Account & Training Status". Check off the 'Screener' box.
 - WIDA Screener Now Available
 - Look for an email from DRC with information on this topic sent on May 8.
 - Add user permissions in the WIDA Assessment Management Systems (AMS) to allow staff to administer the Screener.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

NEW

- **Data Extracts in Educator Portal-** DLM's portal allows districts to run and download reports based upon the current school year's data that is loaded into the portal. These reports include the accessibility profiles, enrollment, roster, test administration monitoring report, etc. Should districts wish to download a final copy for their records, they must do so before **August 2, 2017**. All data extract files will be deleted after this date for the 17-18 administration. Please note that the Individual Student Reports will continue to be available after August 2.

Reminder: Option to Include Star Data in WISEdash

DPI has partnered with Renaissance to enable Wisconsin districts that administer the Star assessments the ability to share and view their Star data on WISEdash for Districts. After performing some initial data preparation, a district can authorize data sharing with DPI by executing a Renaissance Data Authorization Form through the Renaissance Place. This takes a few simple steps and you can get started right away by emailing support@renaissance.com to request that your Star data be shared with WISEdash for Districts. Once approved, test results will begin flowing into WISEdash every weekend.

WISEdash currently supports mathematics and reading, with planned enhancements for early childhood literacy at a later time. Available performance measurements include scaled score, national percentile rank, Student Growth Percentile, response to intervention categories and expected Forward

Exam performance categories. Additional measurements and categories are available for individuals within the Student Profile - Star dashboard.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

Important Dates to Remember

April	24-May 26: ACT Aspire testing window	Aspire
May	15: Deadline to enter not tested reasons in PearsonAccessNext	ACT/WK
	18: OSA Office Hours Webinar	
	26: Aspire test window closes	Aspire
	30: Deadline to enter will not test reasons in Aspire portal.	Aspire
June	2: Deadline for Aspire to receive paper answer documents.	Aspire
	Mid-June: WorkKeys paper memo and summary to examinees delivered to schools	WorkKeys
	Late-June: ACT non-college reportable score letters delivered to schools	ACT

Important Tasks to Remember

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Test all 9th and 10th grade students by May 26. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter all irregularities, comments, etc. in the portal by May 26. <input type="checkbox"/> Request test invalidations within the portal with a complete explanation of why the request is being made, including the name and phone number of a school person to contact if necessary by May 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Report all test security incidents to DPI. Forms can be found at: http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/security <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Will Not test" reasons on the testing accountability tab in the student profile section of the portal by May 30. <input type="checkbox"/> Pack and return paper materials and schedule UPS pickup for receipt by ACT Aspire by June 2 deadline. 	Aspire Early High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan for WIDA Screener Implementation for Fall 2017.	ACCESS
<input type="checkbox"/> Look for score report information later this summer.	DLM
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure relevant team members are aware of the information regarding reading readiness assessment at Reading Readiness Overview and Reading Readiness FAQ .	Reading Readiness

Online Resource Highlights

As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.

Resource	Description	Assessment
ACT and WorkKeys Report Schedule	Descriptions and delivery dates for district, school, and student-level reports	ACT/WorkKeys
ACT Data and Results	DPI webpage with links to sample reports and resources for understanding and using ACT reports	
WorkKeys Data and Results	DPI webpage with links to sample reports and resources for understanding and using WorkKeys reports	

Aspire Data and Results	DPI webpage with links to sample reports and resources for understanding and using ACT Aspire reports	Aspire
ACCESS for ELLs Calendar	Provides an overview of relevant 2017-18 dates	ACCESS
Standard Setting Impacts	Information on this year's score changes	
OSA Office Hours Webinar - 5/18 now posted	The DAC Resources and Trainings page will house our recorded webinar, as well as the accompanying PowerPoint presentation.	General
Report Card Resources	Various resources to assist in understanding, explaining, and using the 2015-16 school and district report card data	OEA